GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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New Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set target to open the one Senior Secondary School every 3 to 5 kilometers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey or collected information in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide funds to the State Governments for awarding scholarship in Government schools in rural areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) and (b) The centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) was launched in 2009 with an aim to universalize access to secondary schools by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation which is 5 km. for secondary schools and 7-10 km. for higher secondary schools. At present Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) covers secondary schools (Classes IX-X) only and does not cover higher secondary stage.
(c) As per the 8th All India School Education Survey (8th AISES) was conducted by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) with the reference date of 30th September, 2009. The State wise details of number of habitations with and without Higher Secondary Schools/Sections/Intermediate/Junior Colleges/PUC are annexed.
(d) and (e) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)', scholarships are disbursed to students for study in State Government, Government-aided and Local body schools from classes IX to XII.
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